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MODIFIED IMMUNOGENIC PNEUMOLYSIN COMPOSITIONS

AS VACCINES

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In response to the Office Action dated May 6, 2003 in connection with the aboveidentified patent application please consider the following amendments and remarks.

Also enclosed is a Notice of Appeal.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.